

## TRAVELLER OR GYPSY?

Alice is 14. She is a Romany Gypsy and she lives on an official caravan site in Newham. She has two older brothers and two younger brothers. They go to school in the London Borough of Newham. Many of her relatives live on the site.

### **"Are you a Gypsy or a Traveller?"**

"I'm a Gypsy and a Traveller. I use the word 'Traveller' 'cos I think it sounds better. Racist people sometimes use the word 'Gypsy' as an insult."



**ALICE**

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## KATHLEEN

Kathleen is 12. She is an Irish Traveller who at the moment lives in a house in Newham with a temporary lease. She has two younger sisters and two younger brothers. They all go to school in Newham. None of her other relatives live nearby.

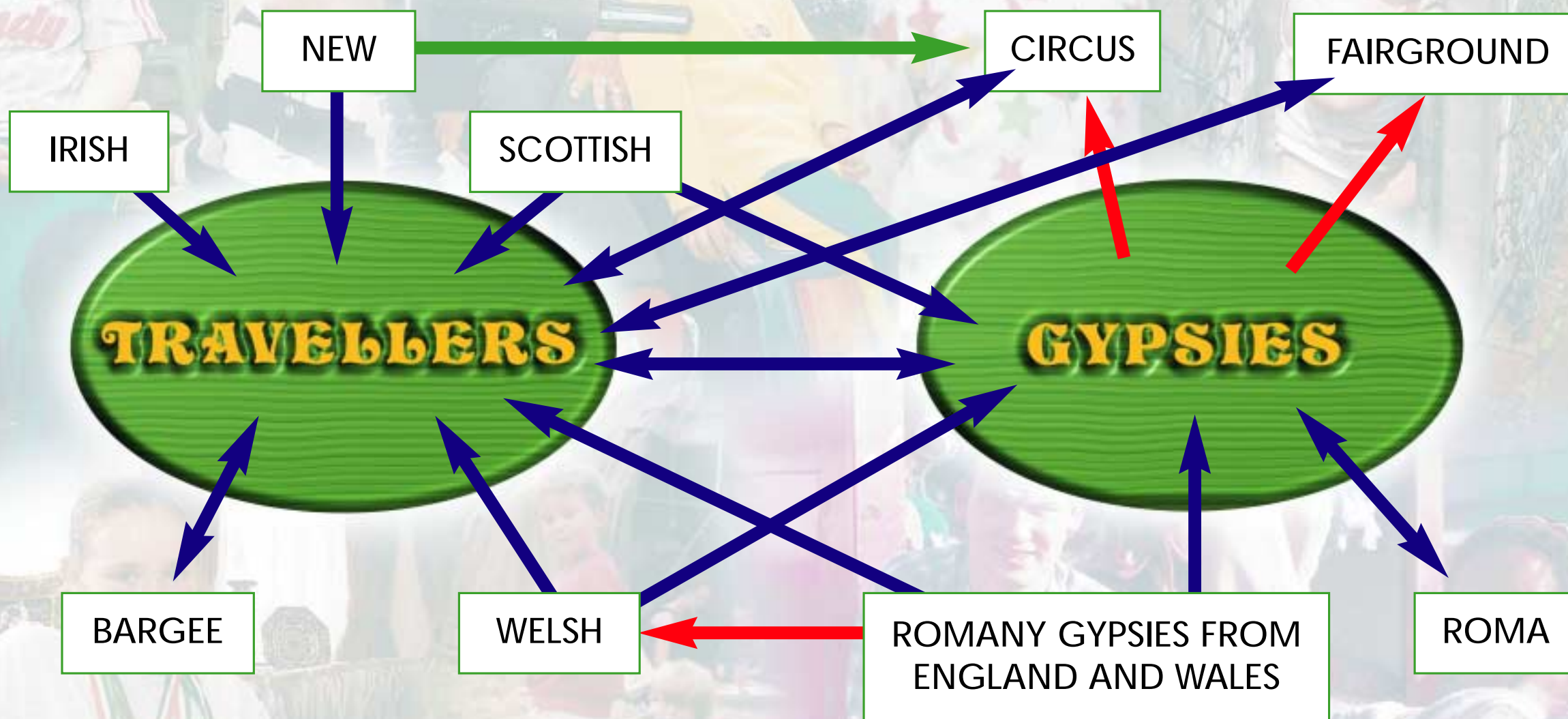


### **"Are you a Gypsy or a Traveller?"**

"I'm a Traveller not a Gypsy. I don't like that word 'Gypsy'."

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# TRAVELLING PEOPLE IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND



Key:

How groups generally define themselves.

The arrow points from where it is believed some, or a lot, of the group originated.

Some members of groups work/worked in these.

“Traveller” is a term acceptable to most Travelling groups. “Gypsy” is acceptable only to some.

**Note to teacher:** This diagram is for discussion. It is not definitive, because different groups give themselves different names.